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USSh-CHINA RR SERVICE TO BEGIN 1 APRIL 1951; CONSTRUCTION WORK PROGRESSES

2 COUNTRIES SIGN AGREEMENT - Moscow, Pravda, 31 Mar 51

As a result of talks in Peiping between the Ministry of Transportation.
USSR and the Ministry of Railways of the People's Republic of China, there
was signed, on 1 March 1951, the Agreement Concerning Soviet-Chinese Direct.
Railroad Communication.

On the basis of this agreement, beginning I April 1951 direct railroad communication between the railroads of the USSR and the People's Republic of China will be established for the carrying of passengers, baggage, and freight.

EXCAVATE MOUNTAIN ROCK ON AKMOLINSK-PAVLODAR LINE --- Moscow, Gudok, 11 Feb 51

Construction workers on the Akmolinsk-Pavlodar line are fulfilling their pledges. Despite low temperatures and blizzards, the Third Construction Sector and Mechanized Column No 9 are successfully carrying out rock excavation in the mountain-pass area, the most difficult of the line.

Kazakhstanskaya Pravda, Alma-Ata, 24 Mar 51

Earth-moving operations have begun in the Yeremen'-Tau region.

[According to the Bol'shaya Sovetskaya Entsiklopediya, Vol 63, 1933, in an article entitled "Ekibastuz," the coal area of Ekibastuz (located on the proposed route of the Akmolinsk-Pavlodar line 130 kilometers from Pavlodar) is connected with the Ermak wharf on the left bank of the Irtysh River by a 115-kilometer railroad line.

PLAN ULAN-UDE SUBURBAN LINE ELECTRIFICATION -- Moscow, Gudok, 14 Feb 51

During the general replanning of Ulan-Ude during the next few years, the suburban railroad lines of the city will be electrified.

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ADVANCE RIGA SHORE LINE ELECTRIFICATION - Riga, Sovetskaya Latviya, 25 Mar 51

Construction has begun on the electrification of the Dubulty-Sloka sector of the Riga Shore Line. The concrete foundations for the catenary supports have been finished on the Dubulty-Pumpuri stretch, and the foundations are now being Laid on the Pumpuri Asari sector. Installation of supports and catenary system will begin 1 April. The Dubulty-Sloka line electrification should be finished, 1 June, after which construction operations will begin on the Sloka-Kemeri stretch, where electric train traffic will begin 1 November.

DIESEL TRAIN ON MOSCOW-LENINGRAD LINE - Moscow, Vechernyaya Moskva, 24 Mar 51

On 24 March, a streamlined gix-car all-reserved-seat diesel train finished its first test run on the Moscow-Leningrad-Moscow trip. The train makes the run from Moscow to Leningrad 2 hours faster than the "Krasnaya Strela" (Red Arrow).

Moscow, Fionerskaya Pravda, 30 Mar 51

The train is capable of speeds of 100-120 kilometers per hour.

SCVIETS LAY 9,000 KILOMETERS OF LINES IN KAZAKHSTAN - Minsk, Sovetskaya Belorusatya, 18 Feb 51

Since the establishment of Soviet power, more than 9,000 kilometers of railroad lines have been laid in Kazakh SSR.

CONSTRUCT NEW STATION BUILDINGS - Moscow, Izvestiya, 25 Mar 51

A new station building is being built not far from the station building of the Bryansk I station. A large station building is being built in the Unecha station. Construction of station buildings will begin soon at the Karachev, Brasovo, Sinezerki, and Polpinskaya stations.

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